Welcome to St. Michael Catholic Church

Parish Mission Statement

St. Michael's Catholic Church, a people of diverse cultures and backgrounds, are brought together by God through the Gospel and the teachings of the Church. Our mission is to make disciples of Christ through:

-Prayer and frequent celebration of the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist.
-Sharing our faith and educating others about the Church.
-Living a life of continual conversion.
-Providing our children a strong Catholic upbringing.
-Giving comfort to those in need.
-Stewardship of our time, talent and treasure.
-Acting as the living presence of Christ in our world, building community and welcoming all.
-Empowering one another to share the Gospel through our words and by our actions.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
NOVEMBER 29, 2026





We're glad to have you!

If you're new,
welcome to the St. Michael's Parish Family!
If you haven't been here in awhile,
welcome back!
St. Michael's is a small, close-knit parish family, always open to new & returning members. There's no formal "registration" process; once you come here we consider you part of
the family!

Check us out!

Shoot us a text, email or give us a call! Or visit us online at: **www.smsebree.org, www.facebook.com/smsebree**

Mass Intentions Available

If you would like to have a mass said for a loved one (living or deceased) you can put an envelope with the intention and date requested. In the collection or in the mail (the *suggested* donation per mass is $5)

Parish Council Members

Devin Gibson (Chairperson), Kattia Angulo, Connie Caldwell, Jenny Glenn, Jim Hurtte, Mila Mendoza, Randy Thompson, Dcn. Baltazar Rafael, Juana Matias.

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THANKS!

For the week of 11/22 to 11/28:

- Church cleaner was: **Felipe & Maria Jose**
- Money counter was: **Jeannie**

For the week of 11/29 to 12/05:

- Church cleaners is: **Juan y Juana Lopez**
- Money counter is: **Kim**



Ministry of Prayer

Please pray for the sick members and friends of this parish, especially: Henry Adam, Dcn. Rene Amaya, Christal Bennett, Tyler Blanford, Tony Bess, Bobby & Susie Blanford, Kimberly Blanford, Teresa Blanford, Cindy Bloodworth, Sabrina Blue, Charles Buchanan, Daniel Buchanan, William Buckman, Crystal Childress, Fany Cordon, Scott Coffman, Asher Cunningham, Donna Dacy, Jim Daugherty, Leo Dickens, Rosie Edwads, Russell Edwards, Jennifer Ebelhar, Marty Eisten, Ray Fambrough, David Ferriell, Anna Filbert, Peggy Gaddis, Judy George, Sonny & Rose Ann Glenn, Jaime Harris, Dan Hawkins, Kaydence Marie Helfert, Katelyn Hensley, Peggy Howell, Dora Jimenez, Angela Kay, Keith Kenney, Kevin King, Roger & Debbie Lloyd, Tom McCarty, Pam McGraw, Brea Meadows, Jeff Meredith, Charlotte Moore, Darryl Periard, Cenia J. Quintanilla, Beth Raleigh, Dori Raleigh, Pam Raleigh, Roger Robertson, Mackenzie Skinner, Ruby Sparks, Jack Spillman, Veronica Spink, Burnetta Springfield, Vickie Tichenor, Gary & Nadine Trogden, Lynda Trogden, Dusty Utley, Jose Vanegas, Richard Vowels, Doris Vowels, James Watson, Carter Wilkerson, Tony Whitledge

To make a prayer request, give an update, take someone off the list or sign up to receive urgent prayer requests visit:

www.smsebree.org

THE WORDS OF THE POPES

Today Mark's Gospel presented us with the end of Jesus' final address to his disciples, which can be summed up in two words: "Be watchful!" The Lord repeats these words four times in five verses (cf. Mk 13:33-35.37). It is important to remain watchful, because one great mistake in life is to get absorbed in a thousand things and not to notice God. Saint Augustine said: "Timeo Iesum transeuntem" (Sermons, 88, 14, 13), "I fear that Jesus will pass by me unnoticed". Caught up in our own daily concerns (how well we know this!), and distracted by so many vain things, we risk losing sight of what is essential. That is why today the Lord repeats: "To all, I say: be watchful!" (Mk 13:37). Be watchful, attentive. Having to be watchful, however, means it is now night. We are not living in broad daylight, but awaiting the dawn, amid darkness and weariness. The light of day will come when we shall be with the Lord. Let us not lose heart: the light of day will come, the shadows of night will be dispelled, and the Lord, who died for us on the cross, will arise to be our judge. Being watchful in expectation of his coming means not letting ourselves be overcome by discouragement. It is to live in hope. Just as before our birth, our loved ones expectantly awaited our coming into the world, so now Love in person awaits us. If we are awaited in Heaven, why should we be caught up with earthly concerns? (…) All these things pass away. Be watchful, the Lord tells us.

(*Pope Francis, Homily, Basilica of Saint Peter, 29 November 2020)*

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

This weekend

Sat 11/28	Sacristan: Connie
Sun 11/29	Sacristan: Gracia
EM	Alyssa Magnuson
EM	Shawn Blanford
Lector	Linda Frederick
Altar Server	Volunteer

Next Weekend

Sat 12/05	Sacristan: Gracia
Sun 12/06	Sacristan: Mary Jane
EM	Lea Ann Sugg
EM	Mary Jane
Lector	David Magnuson
Altar Server	Volunteer

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- 27 Fri Weekday green Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Lk 21:29-33 (507)
- 28 Sat Weekday green/white [BVM] Rv 22:1-7/Lk 21:34-36 (508)
- 29 SUN FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT violet Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37 (2) Pss I
- 30 Mon Saint Andrew, Apostle red Feast Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22 (684) Pss Prop
- 1 Tue Advent Weekday violet Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24 (176)
- 2 Wed Advent Weekday violet Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37 (177)
- 3 Thu Saint Francis Xavier, Priest white Memorial Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27 (178)
- 4 Fri Advent Weekday violet/white [Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church] Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31 (179)

Thank You For Your Generosity

Sunday Offering 11/22/2026	$	1,849.34
Weekly Goal	$	2,350.00
Year-to-date Total 21 of 52 Sundays	$	43,962.51
Budget YTD	$	49,350.00
Over/Under Collection	$	-5,387.49

Safe Environment

To report suspected abuse, contact the Cabinet for Health and Family Services by calling their Child/Adult Abuse Hotline at their toll-free number 877-KYSAFE1 (877-597-2331) or by visiting their website. You may also contact your local Commonwealth Attorney. To report abuse, current or past, to the diocese, by anyone acting in the name of the Church, please call our pastoral assistance coordinator, Scott Ingram, at 270-852-8380 (English) and Miguel Quintanilla, 270-880-8360 (Spanish).



I SUNDAY OF ADVENT
THE CHRISTIAN HOPE

This Sunday we begin a new liturgical year, cycle B, and during this year we will mostly read the Gospel of Saint Mark.

Advent become to be a sign of hope for the world, because humanity has no future without God, without the God of love who was incarnated and brought Good News, and also, He brings salvation for humanity. Advent is a dialogue prior to the Incarnation, dialogue of hope between God and men, who makes us a call to undo the hell of darkness that we –humanity- often provoke with our attitudes and our lifestyles.

"While you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for, such as they had not heard of from of old. No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you doing such deeds for those who wait for him." (Is 64: 2-3) The prophet reviews the previous situation and understand that the people have forgotten God. What can happen? That is why his desperate cry out to God, to descend. Then God has not stayed in his heaven, but has come down to be one of us and teach us to practice the justice and solidarity. God come down to us to save us and to free us. That petition became a reality with the Jesus' Incarnation. But many centuries before Him, men, prophets like Isaiah, sensed it as if they were seeing it with their eyes.

The evangelist used the parable of the doorman who receives powers to watch over the house until his lord-owner returns. We can found this parable almost at the end of the Gospel of Mark, and it is seen as a kind of consequence, that the editor of the Gospel brings out. "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." (Mk 13: 33) The fact that the day and time can't be assured exposes the sectarian groups of that time, who were looking for the way to frighten people psychologically overwhelmed. However, today we must interpret the apocalyptic of this biblical passage with wisdom and coherence with Jesus' idea about God and his saving action of humanity. It asks us for vigilance. What does it mean? May we live in the light of the Gospel, following the example of Jesus incarnated, who gives himself for our salvation. Vigilance is as important as knowing how to live with dignity and hope. Advent should help us to a personal encounter with God the Father, creator of this world and redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in that personal relationship persevere in vigilance.

"He will keep you firm to the end, irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Cor 1: 8) Saint Paul thought that the day of the Parousia would come soon, as a manifestation of God's saving action on this world and on history. And for that day you do not have to prepare yourself with knowledge, but with the practice of a life full of meaning, that is, living the Gospel values.

Advent must bring out the Christian hope in us: everything will end well, in the hands of God. Only in God does our existence make sense.

Fr. Carmelo Jimenez

TODAY'S READINGS:

Reading I: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
Reading II: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

THIS WEEK'S QUESTIONS/TASKS:

Based on todays readings

Questions:

I. In what way do you hope in the Lord?
II. How has the Lord been faithful to you?
G. Are you preparing to love God when the Lord comes, or are you loving God now?

Task: As you prepare for Christmas, what spiritual gift will you offer a friend, family member, or neighbor? Invite them to join you this Season of Advent to break open the Holy Scriptures and reflect on the Word of God who came to set us free.

NEXT WEEK'S READING:

Reading I: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 85:9-10-11-12, 13-14
Reading II: 2 Peter 3:8-14
Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

EVENTS

- **Tuesday 5:30 to 7:00:** Youth Group meeting
- **Tuesday 6pm**: OCIA class
- **Wednesday 5:30 to 7:00:** Faith Formation
- **Thursday 6:30:** Adoration

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

11/28 Lupita Barco, Luz Clarisa Rivera
11/29 Roberto Hernandez
12/3 Oscar Ceron
12/4 Adriana Rivera



FOLLOW THE URSULINE SISTERS' SOCIAL MEDIA FOR ADVENT INSPIRATION

During the wonderful season of Advent which begins Nov. 29, the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph will be sharing Advent inspiration on their website and social media. The series will be centered on the four themes of Advent: Week 1—HOPE, Week 2—PEACE, Week 3—JOY and Week 4—LOVE. The Ursuline Sisters will offer words of guidance and inspiration, such as scripture, poetry, quotes or song lyrics. During this time, be sure to visit their website: www.ursulinesmsj.org, and follow their Facebook: www.facebook.com/ursulinesmsj and Instagram: www.instagram.com/ursulinesistersofmsj.

POPE LEO: WE MUST NOT FORGET HUMAN FACE OF CLIMATE CRISIS

The failure of COP31 to adopt "clear commitments" to address the climate crisis "seriously and responsibly" is "concerning," Pope Leo XIV said on Wednesday, 25 November, especially in view of "the increasing frequency of extreme weather events."

Speaking at the end of the General Audience, the Holy Father urged us never to forget "the human face of the climate crisis, which affects the lives of millions of people, afflicts entire communities, and compromises the prospects of future generations."

The 31st Session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, known as COP31, ended on Sunday, 22 November in Antalya, Türkiye. Parties did not agree on the presidency's overarching draft decision, but they adopted decisions on a just transition, climate finance, and adaptation.

The climate crisis, Pope Leo said on Wednesday, "demands a renewed sense of shared responsibility; new forms of solidarity among nations; and far-reaching changes in behavior, in socio-economic systems, and in the way our societies are governed."

He went on to appeal to both the international community and each one of us "to renew our commitment to promoting a culture of care for Creation, centered on the dignity bestowed by God upon every human being, the common good, and solidarity with the poorest and with future generations."

Mass Intentions

Sat 11/28	English	5pm	Parishioners
	Akateco	7:30pm	Aida Santos
Sun 11/29	English	10 am	†Bill & †Mary S Howard
	Spanish	12pm	†Bill Christian
Mon 11/30	English	9am	†Dorothy Higdon
Tues 12/01	English	9am	†Doris Payne
Wed 12/02	Spanish	12pm	†Charles & †Shirley Edge
Thu 12/03	Spanish	7pm	†Cecil Payne
Sat 12/05	English	5pm	Amy Roberts
	Akateco	7:30pm	Parishioners
Sun 12/06	English	10 am	Charles Buchanan
	Spanish	12pm	†Angelina Gaspar Francisco

Christmas Charity

The parish council has selected the Sebree Christian Outreach as the charity we will support again this Christmas.

Please donate unwrapped gifts for ages newborn to high school senior. We also need individually wrapped snacks/candy for gift bags we will be handing out when Santa visits the outreach house.

Please have the gifts to the church by 12/06.

In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the people to be ready for His next coming.
Fill in the blanks with the words at the end and use the letters in sqares to fill in the blanks at the end, in the order they come.

You do not _ _ _ [_] when
the time will come.
It is like a _ [_] _ traveling abroad.
He leaves home and places
his _ _ _ _ _ _ [_] _ in charge,
_ _ [_] _ with his own work,
and orders the gatekeeper
to be on the _ _ _ _ [_]
Watch, _ _ _ _ _ [_] _ _ _;
_ _ [_] do not know
when the [_] _ _ _ of the house is coming.
Be _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ !

THEREFORE KNOW MAN
EACH WATCH
SERVANTS LORD YOU

